

MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2000
Fort Union Room

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Doug Johnson. Board members available for the meeting were Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz. ESPB staff members present: Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Gary Gronberg from DPI and Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office were also available. Visitors present were Roman Weiler from the Office of Education-Bismarck Diocese, Linda Edwards from NDEA, Larry Grooters and Margaret Dahlberg from Valley City State.

Board members not available for the meeting were Laura Carney, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante and Bev Sandness.

A motion was made by Linda to approve the March minutes as written. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz.

The financial report was discussed. Janet pointed out some expenses were higher such as attorney fees due to the rewrite of Title XV, consulting fees due to auditor being paid and employee travel due to travel reimbursement not yet made to our agency. Year to date net income is \$44,660.05. Total revenue for the month of March was \$25,578.49 and total expenses \$28,996.34, showing a minus \$3,417.85. Seventy-five percent of the budget has been expended for the year.

ESPB is in the process of reviewing the endorsements/licensure issue to help the needs of Fargo area schools. The ESL panel discussion was lead by Joy Jantzen from Moorhead State, Shelby Barrentine from UND, and Larry Grooters & Margaret Dahlberg from Valley City State. Joy and Shelby were able to provide input via conference call. Mari Rasmussen has asked to attend the May board meeting to provide additional input. Another conference call arrangement will be made to have these same university representatives available for the May meeting.

Deb just returned from the NDSU program approval visit. NCATE had a great team and overall the visit went well. Deb informed that group that the new teacher surveys related to the Title II Teacher Enhancement grant proposal have been mailed. The survey was a joint venture with ESPB/NDEA. NDEA paid for all the postage costs and ESPB paid printing and form costs. The fifth year of funding for Goals 2000 for Professional Development Guidelines project has been approved at \$30,000. A second training session is being held in Bismarck. Deb will be serving on the ND Teacher Center Network Advisory Board. The reciprocity study was presented to the Education Services Interim Committee, April 4-5, 2000.

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Mel Olson has agreed to provide in kind dollars of Title II from the Vocational Education budget to provide office space and computer/office equipment. Janet has asked Mel to submit his offer in writing.

CASES

Mark Sondag (Administrative Board)

The administrative board denied Mr. Sondag's request to not revoke his ND teaching license. The administrative board consisted of Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

Kerri Davis (Administrative Board)

A motion was made by Randy to dismiss the case. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. The administrative board consisted of Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens. The case was brought before the administrative board due to a code of ethics issue. Ms. Davis is teaching at Dunseith Day Indian School.

Travis Frank

A motion was made by Linda to issue a license. Second by Mike. Motion carried. The board members voting yes were: Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz. Mr. Frank's license was suspended in September, 1999 due to a criminal charge. Mr. Frank has satisfied the criminal judgement and reapplied for a license. Mr. Frank was not employed with a school at the time of his suspension.

Jeffrey Myers

A motion was made by Linda to dismiss the case. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board member voting yes were: Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz. Gackle-Streeter School District filed a request for inquiry due to a breach of contract and code of ethics.

Angela Schneider

Ms. Schneider's case was brought before the board to appeal the \$1000 fine that she had paid. Much discussion was held on the current license being the responsibility of the teacher and that upon renewal it is the responsibility of the school district and the business manager to see that a copy of the current teaching license is on file. A motion was made by Maryjane to dismiss the case. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were: Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Micheal Schatz. The board directed Bill Peterson to write Ms. Schneider informing her the other option would be to not be paid the number of days that she did not hold a current license.

A suggestion brought out during this discussion that maybe a teacher license expiration date could be the same date as the educator's birthdate. Another suggestion would be to have all renewals be renewed July 1st.

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Mary Huber

Ms. Huber's file was brought before the board due to a special education IEP. A motion was made by Mike to dismiss the case. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were: Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz. Ms. Huber is a special education instructor at New Town Public Schools.

CASE ADDITIONS

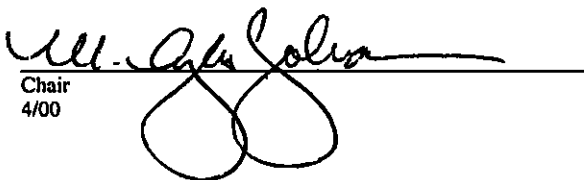
Don Hoff

Mr. Hoff's case was brought before the board due to a code of ethics issue. A motion was made by Maryjane to dismiss the case. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were: Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz. Mr. Hoff is teaching at Velva Public Schools.

Claudia Park

Ms. Park's case was brought before the board to appeal the \$1000 fine that she had paid. A motion was made by Mike to dismiss. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Michael Schatz. Ms. Park is employed with Bowdon Public Schools. The board directed that two letters be written. Bill Peterson will send a letter to Ms. Park that the notification letter sent from ESPB is just a courtesy letter. Janet will also write a letter to the business manager stating that by law, ESPB is not required to notify the teacher or school district.

The committee work and committee reports did not take place. Several board members needed to leave early. Roman Weiler expressed his appreciation on being informed on board meeting notices and allowing his attendance at these meetings. The board meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.


Chair
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Secretary/Executive Director